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ALLIED DRIVE OCTOBER 2004 SHOOTING LEADS TO FEDERAL CONVICTION

Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Adrian Bell, Madison, DOB: 07/01/73, was convicted yesterday following a one-day jury trial in federal court in Madison of unlawfully possessing two firearms as a convicted felon.

At trial, the government established that on October 2, 2004, there were shots fired near 2222 and 2230 Allied Drive. Police responded to the shots fired call at approximately 1:10 a.m. Police recovered four shell casings and after talking with witnesses, they obtained a search warrant for the defendant's apartment at 2230 Allied Drive, #5. In the apartment, police recovered a sawed-off .22 caliber Marlin rifle and a Glock 9mm pistol, which the government proved had fired the recovered casings. Bell had been convicted in 1996 of felony child abuse.

U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz scheduled sentencing for May 9, 2005, at 1:45 p.m. Bell faces a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, unless it is determined that he is an Armed Career Criminal (three prior convictions for either crimes of violence or drug offenses). If Bell is an Armed Career Criminal, he faces a mandatory minimum 15

years in prison, and a maximum of life in prison.

The charges against Bell were the result of an investigation conducted by the Madison Police Department and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Rita M. Rumbelow.

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